

State Street Buildings

Herrick Archives Number H 210

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

Names found in Business Office reports are: State Street Buildings, State Street Dispensary, State Street Main Building, State Street Laundry and Stables, The name "State Street Free Dispensary" has also been noted.

The State Street Main Building was St. Francis Hospital.

Some records in the University Architect's office refer to the Dispensary as the "Infirmary."

2. Location

2. 1 The 1915 City Directory gives 315 East State Street as the address of the hospital. The 1924 City Directory lists both the hospital and the dispensary at this address. The dispensary was in an annex attached to the east side of the hospital building.

2. 2 The property was bounded by East State Street on the north, Chase Alley on the east, Chapel Street on the south, and South Sixth Street on the west (Franklin County Auditors Plat Book, G35). The site is now occupied by Grant Hospital.

2. 3 Contract of sale to OSU describes the property as "Being Lots Numbered Forty-four (44). Forty-five (45) and Forty-six (46) in Kelly and Northrup's Addition to said city [Columbus], and situated on the south side of East State Street in said city." (T 3/19/14).

3. General Description

3.1 Photographs indicate that the Main Building and Dispensary were of brick construction. Identification of the Laundry and Stables has not been made in the photographs.

3. 2 The Main Building included on the first floor an amphitheater seating 300 or more, and there was a large surgical amphitheater on the fifth floor. The remainder of the building was used for a hospital with a capacity of 160 beds (Med. I:315).

University Architects records in 1953 (Archives, Box 6/f-I/5) indicate that in 1953, sixth floor rooms were being used in the towers and there was a former x-ray darkroom on the roof.

3. 3 The Dispensary included 12, 754 square feet (150, 958 cubic feet), according to University records (McCracken 4: 10A). It included a large amphitheater, dispensary rooms, and a clinical laboratory (Med. I:315). It consisted of a basement and three stories (Med. I:330).

B. SIGNIFICANT DATES

1. Since construction preceded acquisition by the University, original records are not in OSU files. Business Office reports typically list "State Street Buildings (two) 1884-1898."

McCracken (4:16A) reports 1848 as the date of construction of the hospital, but 1847 is the date given in Volume I of OSU College of Medicine 1834-1934 (page 315).

Both McCracken (4:16A) and the QSU College of Medicine 1834-1934 (p. 315) report 1898 as the date of construction of the Dispensary.

2. Title to the property passed from the Starling-Ohio Medical College to the State of Ohio by quit claim deed dated July 24, 1914 (Deed Book, Vol. 579, page 238).
3. University Architect's records show that bids were received for wrecking the Dispensary on December 10, 1951. The contract was awarded to the Cleveland Wrecking Co. of Cincinnati. The first and final estimate is dated April 15, 1952 (A).
4. The St. Francis Hospital closed its doors on June 30, 1955 (Med: II:285).
5. Title to the property was conveyed to Grant Hospital by deed dated October 10, 1956 (Deed Book, Vol. 1995, page 243) drawn pursuant to legislation passed June 21, 1955 (OL 126:1120).
6. The hospital building was razed in November 1956, and an extension of Grant Hospital was erected on the site.

C. COST

1. The property was given to the University under an agreement whereby the University would establish colleges of medicine and dentistry (Hooper: 103).
2. The Business Office report for 1914-15 lists the following values:

Dispensary - \$23,769.12

Main Building - \$78,760. 00

Laundry & Stable - \$ 4,000. 00

These total \$106, 529.12 for the three buildings.

3. Starting in 1919-20 the Business Office reports listing includes: "State Street Buildings (two)"-- \$106, 529.12. In other words, the Laundry and Stable building has been dropped, but the valuation has not been decreased.
4. The dispensary was razed in 1951-52, but the Business Office report does not show any reduction in value. Nor does it in that year or any subsequent year revise the listing from "State Street Buildings (two)."
5. Between July 1, 1951 and June 30, 1954 the value was increased by \$89,573. 80 to a new total of \$196,102.92. This increase was due largely, if not wholly, to remodeling and the installation of fire escapes.
6. This new total was written off in 1956-57, the year the property was sold to Grant Hospital,

D. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Board of Trustees on January 27, 1914 decided to establish a college of medicine and a college of dentistry, and accepted from the Starling-Ohio Medical College the Park Street property (H 209) and the State Street property (T). The College of Medicine operated at these two locations for many years.
2. The hospital on State Street was operated by the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis under a 99 year lease (Med, I:315). The Dispensary was operated by the OSU College of Medicine.

E. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 18400--(Dispensary on left)

X 18402--(Dispensary sign on left)

2. Other:

McC 3: 31

Med I: 315

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